



GARIE SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB



Thirteenth **ANNUAL REPORT** *and* **BALANCE SHEET**

FOUNDED
1938
DISBANDED
1942
REFORMED
1946



Season 1954-55

GARIE SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB.

Affiliated with the Surf Life Saving
Association of Australia.

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37 Bellevue Parade,
HURSTVILLE. N.S.W.

Notice is hereby given that the Thirteenth Annual General Meeting of the Garie Surf Life Saving Club will be held at the Surf Lifesaving Association Rooms, 16 Hunter Street, Sydney, on Monday, 8th August, 1955, commencing at 8.00 p.m..

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A G E N D A

1. Adoption of Annual Report and Balance Sheet.
2. Election of Officers for forthcoming Season.
3. Endorsement of Club Register.
4. Notices of Motion for which due Notice has been given.
5. General Business.

O. HAILEY
Hon. Secretary.

NOTES.

OFFICE BEARERS - 1954/55.

Patron
Vice Patrons
President
Senior Vice President
Vice Presidents

Hon. Secretary
Captain
Hon. Asst. Secretary
Vice Captain
Boat Captain
Boat Vice Captain
Hon. Treasurer
Hon. Social Secretary
Hon. Publicity Officer
Hon. Race Secretary and
Handicapper
Hon. Chief Instructor
Chief Gear Steward
Asst. Gear Stewards
Delegates to S.L.S.A.
Hon. Registrar
Hon. Medical Officer
Hon. Solicitor
Hon. Auditors
Hon. Chief Amb. Officer
Asst. Ambulance Officers
Management Committee

Hon. Architect

Hon. J.J. Cahill, M.L.A.
Trustees of National Park Trust
L. Ford
H. Crooks
L. Marks, N. Martin, S. Walker,
W. Cerrutti, A. Glass, G. Warnes,
Prof. Robinson, T. Hoffman, G. Johnson
H. Hawker, J. Dillon, R. Moroney,
R. Miller, K. Miller, J. Hancock.
O. Hailey
C. McElroy
A. Taylor
R. Hoffman
O. Hailey
E. Salmon
J. Stewart
T. Hoolihan
L. Ford

C. McElroy, O. Hailey
K. Barkley
G. Munday
R. Wilson, P. Byrne
N. Martin, L. Marks
J. Byrne
Dr. E. Miles
R. Dresser
R. Thorpe, R. Cleaver.
G. Munday
K. Barkley, R. Hoffman, O. Hailey
D. Wormald, D. Cahill,
J. Casey.
H. Hawker.

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GARIE SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB.

THIRTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT.

Dear Members,

Garie Surf Life Saving Club,

Gentlemen ...

The Thirteenth Annual Report of the Club, together with the audited Financial Statement for the twelve months ended 30th June, 1955, are presented by the Committee, for your consideration and adoption.

MEMBERSHIP:

The total membership of the Club now totals 87, in comparison with 78 for the previous season.

Hereunder, is a component list of the Club's numerical strength:-

	<u>1954/55</u>	<u>1953/54</u>
Patrons and Vice Patrons	10	8
Honorary Life Members	2	1
Honorary Members	21	14
Associate Members	5	4
Active Senior	33	37
Active Junior	5	3
Active Reserve	10	10
Cadet	1	1

A perusal of the above list, will show that numerically the Club's strength has improved, and it augurs well that Junior Membership is again on the up-grade, and even at this time, prospects for the forthcoming season are exceptionally bright and it would appear that Junior Membership will at least be doubled.

COMMITTEE:

Ten Management Committee Meetings were held by the Club during the past Season, to ensure the continued smooth running of Club activities, and appended hereunder, is a list of Committee Members and their respective attendances:-

	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Absences</u>	<u>Apologies</u>
L. Ford	9	1	1
H. Crooks	6	4	1
H. Hawker	9	1	1
K. Barkley	6	4	1
J. Byrne	5	5	3
D. Cahill	2	8	-
J. Casey	8	2	1
O. Hailey	10	-	-
R. Hoffman	10	-	-
T. Hoolihan	7	3 (National Service)	-
C. McElroy	9	1	1
G. Munday	5	5	2
D. Stewart	9	1	1
A. Taylor	5	5 (National Service)	-
D. Wormald	3	7	2
L. Marks	9	1	1
N. Martin	9	1	1
M. McHugh	6		

In addition to the above Meetings, several other Committees were formed throughout the season, and were as follows:-

Judiciary	J. Byrne, H. Hawker, H. Crooks
Annual Carnival	O. Hailey, L. Ford, J. Hancock
Annual Ball	J. Hancock, O. Hailey
Building	G. Munday, R. Hoffman, M. McHugh, J. McHugh, H. Hawker, D. Stewart, T. Hoolihan, O. Hailey.
Truth & Sportsman	L. Ford, D. Stewart, M. McHugh
Ball	T. Hoolihan, J. Hancock, O. Hailey

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GEAR:

This year, due to diligence and zeal, our Gear Stewards were able to present to the Gear Inspection Committee, at the commencement of the Season, a line up of Club Gear, that would have been the envy of many larger Clubs on the Coast.

Our Surf Boat "Raffles", looked in exceptional condition, shining under 7 or 8 coats of Marine Varnish and those few who assisted in this effort are to be congratulated most heartily.

Towards the end of the season, two reels were presented to the Club by North Bondi S.L.S.C., and are at the moment being repaired ready for use in the coming season.

Our thanks to North Bondi for their continued support.

LIFESAVING:

The Patrol Competition was again run to bolster keenness and the increase in attendance to Patrol duty is attributed to these Inter-Patrol contests.

Again, we are proud to inform that no lives were lost on Garie Beach whilst Patrols were on duty.

The following is a list of rescues performed during the Season:-

With Line and Belt	10
Without Line and Belt	3
With Surf Boat	1
Cliff Rescues	1

Artificial Resuscitation was rendered on one patient and First Aid rendered on 107 occasions.

AWARDS:

During the Season, 10 members secured their Bronze Medallions whilst one Qualifying Certificate was also gained.

Those successful in gaining awards are as under:-

Bronze Medallions

W. Molloy	K. McCubben
B. Hardman	J. Quinn
J. Knight	B. Paton
D. Midson	K. Midson
A. Green	L. Law

Qualifying Certificate

A. McHugh

To each of these chaps, we offer our heartiest congratulations and look forward to seeing them gain even higher awards in the Season to come.

However, it is with concern we notice not one Instructors Certificate was gained during the Season and Members are urgently requested to further their knowledge in Surf Life Saving by attaining this Award, and by so doing, raise the prestige and efficiency of our Club.

The Squads that gained their Awards through the Club were ably tutored by our Chief Instructor, S.L.S.A. Examiners in the Club, but our praises go to Instructors A. Field and A. Taylor without whose assistance, the training of Squads would have been an arduous task, especially as K. Barkley, our Chief Instructor, was hindered from time to time with C.M.F. Training.

CLUB COMPETITIONS:

The standard of Club Competition this year, was of the highest quality together with the keenest of competitive spirit, and to all successful competitors, we extend our hearty congratulations.

The Open Surf Race was comfortably won by John McHugh, who was not extended to win each of the three heats. However, it is with much interest we note that second place was filled by our up and coming Junior, "Blondie" McCubben. Bigger and better things are expected of this lad next year.

The Senior Belt Championship was keenly contested, past Champion Jack Hancock, John McHugh, and O. Hailey fighting out the final, with Owen managing to scrape home for his second victory in this event.

K. McCubben showed consistent form by winning the President's Point Score, to which he added the Junior Surf Championship and Junior Belt Championship, no mean feat for any one person in a season.

John McHugh was successful in winning the Senior Beach Sprint, thus showing all round ability in Club competition, whilst the Junior Sprint was won by Bruce Paton.

A complete list of events and respective winners is set out hereunder for your perusal:-

<u>EVENT</u>	<u>1st</u>	<u>2nd</u>	<u>3rd</u>
Open Surf Championship	J. McHugh	K. McCubben	B. Hardman
Senior Belt Championship	O. Hailey	J. McHugh	J. Hancock
Senior Beach Sprint	J. McHugh	C. McElroy	R. Hoffman
Snr. President's Point Score	K. McCubben	K. Barkley	J. McHugh
Snr. Beach Events P/Score	J. McHugh	R. Hoffman	A. Field
Junior Surf Championship	J. McCubben	W. Molloy	J. Quinn
Junior Belt Championship	K. McCubben	A. Green	D. Midson
Jnr. Beach Sprint Champ.	B. Paton	W. Molloy	D. Midson
Memorial Races P.S. Comp.	A. Green	W. Molloy	K. McCubben
F. McGlinchey Teams Race	J. Knight	W. Molloy	K. McCubben
Cecil Buck Sealed Hdcp.	A. Green	K. McCubben	D. Midson
Richard Buck Brace Relay	D. Wormald-R. Wilson		
Resuscitation Comp.	B. Hardman	D. Cahill	L. Law
Hard Luck Competition	K. Barkley	D. Midson	D. Cahill
Patrol Competition	<u>No. 5 Patrol</u> C. McElroy, W. Molloy, A. Field, J. Nightingale.		

INTER-CLUB COMPETITION:

The Club this year, had a boost in regard to Inter Club Competition. This was brought about by the generous gesture of Mr. T. Steele of Steele & Humphries Ltd., Haulage Contractors, making available to the Club, the use of one of his fleet of trucks.

In this way, Garie competed at several inter-club Carnivals, including State and Australian Championships, and although unsuccessful in taking major honours, credited itself in no small way by the competition provided.

Our March Past Team trained hard, but, I would say due to lack of experience and later in the year, lack of keenness, failed to make an impression in the eye of the Judges.

Competition is the making of any Club, and it is hoped in the ensuing year, the powers to be in the Club will make every possible effort to sponsor and encourage such competition.

NO. 1 DISTRICT CARNIVALS:

No. 1 District Carnivals were again held in the usual keen and friendly atmosphere so characteristic of No.1 District.

Era showed their supremacy in competition for the "Les Pymble Shield" and hearty congratulations are extended to Era S.L.S.C., for their well earned win.

ANNUAL CARNIVAL:

The 9th Annual Surf Carnival of the Club took place as usual, on the first Sunday of December. Climatic conditions early in the day, together with an angry sea, hinted at another disastrous day as is remembered by "veteran" Club Members, but through the unfailing efforts of all concerned, we again "put on" the best and biggest carnival of the year.

To all Members and those other people, especially the ladies who assisted, we convey our sincere appreciation for a job well done.

BUILDING COMMITTEE:

Early in the Season, discussion on the possible erection of a new Club House at Garie Beach, resulted in the

forming of a Building Committee, comprising of the following Club Members:-

G. Munday	M. McHugh
J. McHugh	D. Stewart
T. Hoolihan	O. Hailey
R. Hoffman	H. Hawker

I mention these names especially, because owing to work performed by this Sub-Committee, approximately £500 has been raised for the new building, and if full support is given to their efforts, it is expected work will commence during the next winter season.

The bulk of monies raised was due to Raffles held on Sundays at the Beach, House Parties at the residences of Mr. and Mrs. John Stewart, Mr. and Mrs. Bernie Alfred, and Mr. and Mrs. "Binkie" Hawker, and two Cabarets held in conjunction with the North Palm Beach S.L.S.C., at the Trocadero.

Our thanks in regard to these enterprises are conveyed firstly, to wives of Club Members abovementioned, without whose unstinted assistance, the House Parties would never have eventuated, and also to members who assisted on the Beach by selling raffle tickets.

ANNUAL BALL:

The Annual Ball was again held at the State Ballroom, on Friday Night, 29th April, 1955.

The attendance figure was a great disappointment to organisers, but those attending had a whale of a time and with this fact in view, the Ball can be put down as another outstanding success.

NORTH PALM BEACH TRIP:

Negotiations were made during the year for an Inter-Club visit between North Palm Beach S.L.S.C. and Garie.

This eventuated on the 2/3rd April, 1955, and every
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member attending (almost the full complement of Active Members) participated in a most enjoyable week-end. Our jubilation was added to when Garie received top marks in the Point Score Competition conducted, thus winning the handsome trophy donated by Mr. Frank Savage, President of North Palm Beach S.L.S.C.

To our hosts, I would convey the full appreciation of my Committee and Club, and can assure to equal the hospitality piled upon us, when an invitation is extended for a similar Inter-Club gathering at Garie Beach, in the early months of the ensuing season.

ANNUAL PRESENTATION DINNER:

Allambie House, Audley, was once again the venue of our Annual Presentation Dinner, held on Saturday, 16th July, 1955.

We were honoured by the attendance of Mr. J. Ferguson, representing the National Park Trust, Mr. S. Cusack of the Fish Markets, Messrs. J. Dillon and J. Marsden of the Surf Life Saving Association of Australia, Messrs. Frank Savage and George Wilson of North Palm Beach S.L.S.C., representatives of neighbouring Clubs, Era and Burning Palms, not forgetting our erstwhile founder and supporter, Roger Moroney.

Films were again shown and it was generally conceded a most enjoyable night was had by all.

LIFE MEMBERSHIP:

At the Presentation Dinner, Mr. Lionel Ford, who was elected to Life Membership of the Club at the last Annual Meeting, was presented with his Life Membership Badge.

Lionel has been with the Club since its inception, and has held the positions of Chief Instructor, Club Captain, Secretary, and President.

Lionel is best remembered in his capacity as Secretary, and it was the overwhelming feeling of the Club that he be asked to accept this honour.

CAPTAIN'S REPORT:

No lives lost on Garie Beach. This is a record which the members of the Club are justly proud, a record which, unfortunately, every Active Member cannot claim a part. These Members, (there are but few,) must be thankful to those who did not shirk their duty on patrols and backed up to substitute whether the day be wet or fine. However, I congratulate those Members, who, on their efficiency, saw fit to carry out their duties conscientiously as Livesavers.

Although Club Competition and Inter-District Competition was keen this Season, there was a lack of interest in Inter-Club Carnivals, except in the case of a few individuals. At the Carnivals which were attended, there were some members who thought more of enjoying themselves at other points of interest, rather than pulling their weight with their mates who were left to try and uphold the Club's reputation.

However, at the close of the Season, the North Palm Beach trip revived a lost interest and proved that with a reasonable amount of co-operation, this Club can combine, through team work and not just individualism, to be a strong force in the activities of the Season to come.

Despite these points of contention, I would like to express my appreciation to the Vice Captain for his assistance, to the Committee and Club Members, in making this an otherwise enjoyable Season, and to urge the new Members to keep up the good work.

C. McELROY
Club Captain

BOAT CAPTAIN'S REPORT:

Although transport was available to allow participation in Inter-Club Events, we were unfortunate due to the type of vehicle and lack of a tow bar, to compete in Boat Events.

Garie rowed in competition only the once, at North Palm Beach, winning the event and thus assisting to acquire the now much coveted North Palm Beach Trophy.

On the home beach, the boat was manned in all seas, and once again, I would like to extend my personal appreciation to our crews. It is well known the sacrifice made by rowing and thus not competing in events which could have eventuated in the winning of Club trophies.

O. HAILEY
Boat Captain.

CHIEF INSTRUCTOR'S REPORT:

During the Season, eleven (11) new Members were added to our Ranks, all of whom gained their Awards.

Two squads were trained and examined, the first passing with flying colours, whilst the second had to endure a "pep" talk from the No. 1 District Supervisor, Len Johnson, to smarten up drill prior to examination.

I must register my disappointment in the fact that not one Club Member endeavoured to gain an Instructor's Certificate, and I would stress that the holding of this Award is really an obligation to the Club by all senior Members.

The March Past Team performed in quite a number of Carnivals, but lacked the knowledge of finer points of Competition. The team, however, showed much enthusiasm and it is hoped the zeal shown during the season will be continued.

In closing, I would like to pass on to all Members who assisted in the training of our squads and March past Team, my sincere appreciation for the assistance so provided.

K. BARKLEY
Chief Instructor.

ENGAGEMENTS:

The heartiest congratulations are extended to the following members, on the occasion of their respective engagements:-

George Munday
John Casey
Herbie Nightingale
Col McElroy

BIRTHS:

Congratulations are extended to:-

Mr. and Mrs. "Binkie" Hawker	-	a Son
Mr. and Mrs. Harry Schutes	-	a Daughter

SURF LIFE SAVING ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA:

With the conclusion of another Season, we must once again thank the Surf Live Saving Association for the help rendered and advice given over the past twelve months.

To all Board Members who inspected gear, officiated at our Carnival, and examined our Bronze Squads, we are most obligated.

Our sincere thanks are also due to our own No. 1 District Supervisor, Mr. Len Johnson.

APPRECIATION:

Over the preceding twelve months, the Club has received help in various ways from many members of the public.

To all these people, I thank you most sincerely on behalf of the Club for the assistance given and interest shown.

To Mr. Tom Steele of Steel & Humphries Limited, The Management of the Homebush Abattoirs, the Management of the Sydney Fish Markets and Mr. Andy Whelan of the Royal Oaks Hotel Lidcombe, I would extend our appreciation for past favours and hope that perhaps in the forthcoming Season, we will again be shown favour in our sincere effort to carry out and promote Surf Life Saving.

The Royal National Park Trustees deserve our thanks for interest shown in the Club, which was verified by Mr. J. Ferguson at the Annual Presentation Dinner held recently.

To Messrs. Prince and Bressington and staff of the Royal National Park Trust, we are also indebted for assistance provided, and special mention must once again be made of Miss L. M. Ballhausen, who has made the Trust Rooms available for Club Meetings, etc., and also assisted in any way within her power, to aid the Club.

We appreciate the gesture of Coogee S.L.S.C. in allowing our members to use their Club Rooms for training purposes, and to those members of the St. John's Ambulance Brigade who officiated on our Beach, we are most thankful.

CONCLUSION

On behalf of the Management Committee, I desire to thank all members for the support and assistance given during the past Season. I consider that we have had much success in our varied activities and undertakings ventured during the season.

For and on behalf of the Management Committee,

O. HAILEY
Hon. Secretary.

PRESIDENT'S ADDENDUM:

It is with pleasure that we can look back on the year just completed, a year in which the Club has most certainly advanced, and, this being so, the retiring Officers can be proud of their efforts whilst the Members must indeed be pleased with their choice of Officers.

A few weak spots in the administration were covered by the enthusiasm of the majority of the Executive and this Club is favoured to be endowed by such enthusiasm.

We have been most fortunate in having the services of Owen Hailey as Secretary. Owen grew up with the Club and has his finger on the pulse at all times, often extending his activities to other offices when he deemed it necessary.

The Treasurer, John Stewart, besides carrying out his duties in his usual efficient manner, turned his energy and imagination to the Building Committee and with the services of Martin McHugh, has been instrumental in placing the fund in a very healthy position.

My thanks must go to all members and their lady friends for being most co-operative at all times in the interests of Garie.

Let us go forward to another year, determined that the reputation of our Club must ever be enhanced and mindful of the fact that a chain is only as strong as its weakest link.

It therefore behoves every member,
seeking office, to give of his best in whatever
capacity he is honored to serve the Garie Surf
Life Saving Club.

LIONEL FORD

President.

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LIST OF MEMBERS

HONORARY LIFE

H. HAWKER

L. FORD

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ACTIVE SENIOR

K. Barkley

D. Cahill

A. Field

P. Hancock

P. Hoolihan

C. McElroy

J. Nightingale

D. Stewart

G. Walsh

D. Wormald

D. Midson

J. Byrne

J. Casey

O. Hailey

F. Hoffman

K. Larvin

J. McHugh

E. Salmon

A. Taylor

R. Wilson

J. Knight

K. Midson

P. Byrne

G. Cornwell

J. Hancock

R. Hoffman

R. McDermott

G. Munday

K. Smith

K. Wallace

B. Young

B. Paton

W. Molloy

ACTIVE JUNIOR

B. Hardman

L. Law

K. McCubben

A. Green

J. Quinn

A. McHugh

ACTIVE RESERVE

R. Cleaver

E. Grainger

N. Martin

V. Cooper

K. Makinson

H. Schutes

H. Crooks

L. Marks

N. Watts

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ASSOCIATES

D. Alfred
H. O'Neill

E. Crimlisk
M. McHugh

S. Musgrave

HONORARY

W. Cerutti
T. Hoffman
Dr. E. Miles
G. McKenzie
S. Walker
N. Martin
K. Miller

R. Dresser
G. Johnson
O. Miller
R. Thorpe
J. Hancock
H. Hawker
R. Miller
R. Cleaver

A. Glass
A. Lane
R. Moroney
G. Warnes
L. Marks
Prof. Robinson
J. Dillon

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LIST OF DONATIONS - 1954/55 SEASON

Meat Trade Appeal	£ 71.	9.	0
Fish Trade Appeal	68.	6.	0
Mr. O. Miller	15.	0.	0
Little Garie Social Club	12.	12.	0
D. P. Murphy Advertising Agent	10.	0.	0
F. Wisslink, McCarthy Bottle Coy.	6.	0.	0
H. Hawker	5.	14.	0
A. H. Robinson	5.	5.	0
L. Ford	5.	0.	0
G. Johnson	4.	4.	0
H. Crooks	3.	4.	0
J. Hancock	3.	3.	0
Miss Ballhausen	3.	3.	0
G. Cornwell	2.	12.	6
L. Marks	2.	12.	6
M. Gosling	2.	2.	0
Dr. Miles	2.	2.	0
G. M. McKenzie	2.	2.	0
W. Cerutti	2.	2.	0
G. Warnes	2.	2.	0
Garie Beach Kiosk (Box Appeal)	1.	10.	2
E. Fitzgerald & Co.	1.	.	0
N. Watts	1.	.	0
A. Lane	1.	.	0
J. Dillon	1.	.	0
D. Waye	1.	0	
N. Martin	10.	6	
J. D. Swales, St. Marys	10.	6	
J. Dalton	10.	6	
G. Walsh	10.	0	
W. Molloy	5.	0	
TOTAL	£ 237	10.	8

